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October 04, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

44 October 4, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011
DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of \$1.2 million from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 DNA Backlog Reduction Program (DNA Program).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to accept NIJ's FY 2011 DNA Program grant from NIJ for FY 2011-12 in the amount of \$1.2 million with no matching funds.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute the Grant Award Agreement Number 2011-DN-BX-K482 (Agreement) and submit all grant documents, including applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and renewals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The objectives of NIJ's FY 2011 DNA Program is to reduce the number of forensic cases awaiting DNA analysis in the agency's backlog and to assist agencies with improving their DNA analysis capacity and improve DNA analysis capacity through equipment and supply purchases. To successfully achieve the objective of this DNA Program, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) will use the funds to pay for overtime for DNA analysts to reduce and prevent casework backlog, to work forensic DNA cases increasing capacity of the biology section, to provide required continuing education to the analysts, and to purchase supplies needed to work DNA cases.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 5, Public Safety. With the grant funds being directed toward assisting the Department in improving the operations of our Crime Lab, the Department will be given the opportunity to complete its mission more effectively and efficiently, as well as maintain the safety and security of the residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The term of the 2011 DNA Program is for a period of 18 months from October 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013. This is the eighth year of funding under this Program. The FY 2011-12 funding in the amount of \$1.2 million (Salaries and Employee Benefits - \$260,792, Services and Supplies – \$659,873, and Equipment - \$279,335) is offset by Federal funds with no local match.

Funding for this Program has been included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 19, 2011, the Department submitted an application in response to NIJ's FY 2011 DNA Program grant solicitation. Upon review of the Department's application, NIJ selected the Department to be a grant recipient of \$1.2 million with no local match required.

The grant project includes special conditions that require approval of such conditions or limitations as set forth in the cooperative Agreement.

The grant period will begin upon Board approval, and the grant award will be in effect for 18 months ending on March 31, 2013.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Program may create workload increases for the County's justice departments as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime.

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services by improving the capacity to analyze DNA.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" and last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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Enclosures